GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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RESERVES OF METHANE GAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Methane reserves have been found in Dhudha and Marpa Villages of Balumath block of Latehar District in the State of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith estimated availability of gas;

(c) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has been engaged for proper utilization of methane gas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (d) No, Madam. One Coal Bed Methane (CBM) Block which extends over two villages, has been awarded to Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC). Exploration activities in the Block are in progress but no Methane reserves have been found so far.